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Action Item

Governmental Relations Committee

Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2002, Meeting

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Meeting of June 4, 2002

Committee members present Howard Welinsky, *Chair*
Robert L. Moore, *Vice Chair*
Lance Izumi
Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr.
Evonne Seron Schulze
Olivia K. Singh
Alan S. Arkatov, *ex officio*
Carol Chandler, *ex officio*

Other Commissioners present
Odessa P. Johnson
Ralph Pesqueira

Committee member absent Rachel E. Shetka

Call to order Committee Chair Welinsky called the June 4, 2002, meeting of the Governmental Relations Committee to order at 9:24 a.m. He announced that the minutes of the Governmental Relations Committee Meeting of April 2, 2002, had been approved as a Commission Consent item the previous day.

Legislative update, June 2002 Chair Welinsky called on Commission staff member Marge Chisholm to present the June Legislative Update. Ms. Chisholm called the Committee's attention to page 2 of the report, noting the official name of what is commonly called the "Racial Privacy Initiative" is the "Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin Initiative."

Ms. Chisholm reviewed the Commission's 2001-2002 State legislation matrix and reviewed three bills that had been added:

1. AB 2533 (Jackson) is a proposal that addresses campus crime reporting. Staff recommended a Commission position of a *support if amended* (to provide Commission resources needed to carry out the provisions of the bill).
2. SB 1339 (Vasconcellos) would request the University of California to assist school districts to ensure that they maintain accurate A-G course lists that are made available to all students. Staff recommended a Commission position of a *support*.
3. SB 1493 (Alpert) would require inclusion of specific community college nursing programs in the Commission's statewide study of the admission procedures and attrition rates of nursing programs. Staff recommended a position of *support* (but the Commission would include these campuses in the study whether or not the bill passed).

Commenting on SB 1339, Alternate Commissioner Pesqueira said 200,000 charts were produced about two years ago that identified the course completions necessary for admission to the California State University and/or the University of California. He recommended that members of the Legislature be made aware of these charts.

Ms. Chisholm also discussed other bills:

1. AB 1731 (Alarcon) regarding preparation of high school students has been amended such that it is no longer a mandate but rather encourages high schools to develop a plan to better prepare students for life careers by preparing them with a rigorous curriculum.
2. AB 1747 (Briggs), which addresses higher-education facilities, needs study. Due to funding concerns, staff recommended the Commission's position be changed to *support if amended*.
3. AB 2115 (Goldberg) related to the naming of school mascots failed passage on the Assembly Floor.

Commissioners directed staff to communicate with the members of conference committee as it relates to Commission positions and advocacy efforts on behalf of bills the conferees had authored.

**Federal Update,
June 2002**

Staff member Karl Engelbach reported that Congress is in negotiations for the upcoming federal budget that will be effective October 1, 2002. He discussed the fact that there are still numerous remaining issues and questions related to the recently reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act, called *The No Child Left Behind Act*. Federal officials continue to address these issues.

With respect to the Teacher Quality and Recruitment Fund (formerly the Eisenhower Professional Development State Grant Program) administered by the Commission, Mr. Engelbach said there continues to be an issue with respect to the funds provided for the administration of the program. The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides administrative funding of 1% for all programs under the Act. However, the rules and regulations recently issued by the U.S. Department of Education noted that the State Agencies for Higher Education (SAHE) such as the Commission, that are responsible for administration of the Teacher Quality and Recruitment Fund would receive 5% for administration.

Staff member Linda White reported on the recommendation of the Office of the Legislative Analyst that would reduce the amount of funds to the Commission for administration of the program. The Commission discussed recent activities related to this proposal.

Mr. Engelbach said staff would continue to work to resolve this outstanding issue and attempt to ensure that the Commission receives 5% administrative funding as it has historically. The Commission would be kept apprised of developments.

Adjournment Having no further business, Chair Welinsky adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.
